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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for new AED & SaveStation at the Santa Cruz Harbor

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Community members are invited to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony on **Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.**, marking the installation of a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and SaveStation at the Santa Cruz Harbor, a popular public destination. The new station provides 24/7 public access to an AED, significantly increasing chances of someone surviving a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA).

“Providing a public access AED at the Santa Cruz Harbor protects everyone who enjoys the harbor’s beauty, including boaters, beachgoers, families, and daily visitors. We want everyone to know that they can help a fellow citizen with this AED before emergency responders arrive,” said Harbor Master Blake Anderson.

SCA can happen to anyone. Every second counts when SCA occurs and starting CPR immediately with using an AED can increase survival rates by 40-75%.

The SaveStation Tower was donated by the [Kyle J. Taylor Foundation](#) and the AED was donated by [Avive](#). Local non-profit initiative Six Minutes to Live: Santa Cruz helped coordinate the AED and SaveStation donations. The Santa Cruz Fire Department has partnered with [Six Minutes to Live](#), co-founded by Santa Cruz resident Hilary Gates.

The Kyle J. Taylor Foundation was founded by Kyle’s family after Kyle passed away in 2018 at the age of 18 from SCA. “This beach specifically meant so much to Kyle. He loved the beach and surfing and anytime he could be in Santa Cruz, he was. So, to be placing this SaveStation here means so much to our family and we know Kyle would have loved it,” said Jennifer Sarmiento, Kyle’s mom and Executive Director of the foundation.

After the ceremony, volunteers from Six Minutes to Live will teach hands-only CPR. In addition, representatives from the Kyle J. Taylor Foundation will demonstrate the benefits of EKG screenings for high school athletes.

Event Details

What: Ribbon Cutting Ceremony — SaveStation & AED Installation

When: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Santa Cruz Harbor – 2222 East Cliff Drive, at Café El Palomar

Who: Community members, elected officials, public safety personnel, and members of the press are welcome to attend.

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